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Slocum Hollow's Christmas Magic®

A Special Holiday Journey from Steamtown to the North Pole Makes Encore Presentation

Scranton, PA – Ever wonder what it really takes to get Santa's sleigh airborne? The answer to this timeless mystery is revealed in ***Slocum Hollow's Christmas Magic®***. Visit Steamtown National Historic Site this holiday season; and travel to the North Pole on board a steam-powered train ride to Santa's wintry workshop. The vast difference between Coal Country of long ago and Santa's magical village are highlighted in this story, written by Ron Stiltenpole of the National Park Service.

Trains short train ride will depart for the North Pole nightly on:

Saturday	November 26	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	8:00 pm
Sunday	November 27	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	
Thursday	December 1	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	
Friday	December 2	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	8:00 pm
Saturday	December 3	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	8:00 pm
Sunday	December 4	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	
Thursday	December 8	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	8:00 pm
Friday	December 9	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	8:00 pm
Saturday	December 10	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	8:00 pm

Each night, as the train chugs its way nearer its destination, passengers will watch through frosted windows to catch a glimpse of the twinkling lights that decorate Santa's workshop. Children will sing carols and cheer when they hear the blast of the train whistle, signaling their arrival at the North Pole.

2005 marks the second year for this popular train ride. Many people commented on how the story brought back memories of life in the days when coal was king in this region. Visitors come from many parts of the country for the authentic experience of riding a steam train to visit with Santa.

Due to high demand and limited seating, early purchases for ***Slocum Hollow's Christmas Magic®*** are strongly recommended. Tickets, which go on sale November 1 are available at \$10.00 per person. Credit card payments may be made in person or by telephone between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:00 pm daily. In the event of cancellation or postponement due to inclement weather, refunds will be available to those ticket holders who are unable to attend rescheduled programs.

Steamtown is open daily from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm through December 31, 2005 (Winter hours, 9 am – 4 pm, January 2 – April 2, 2006). From I-81, follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues. Additional details may be obtained by calling (570) 340-5200 or toll free (888) 693-9391, or by visiting the Steamtown web site at www.nps.gov/stea.

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